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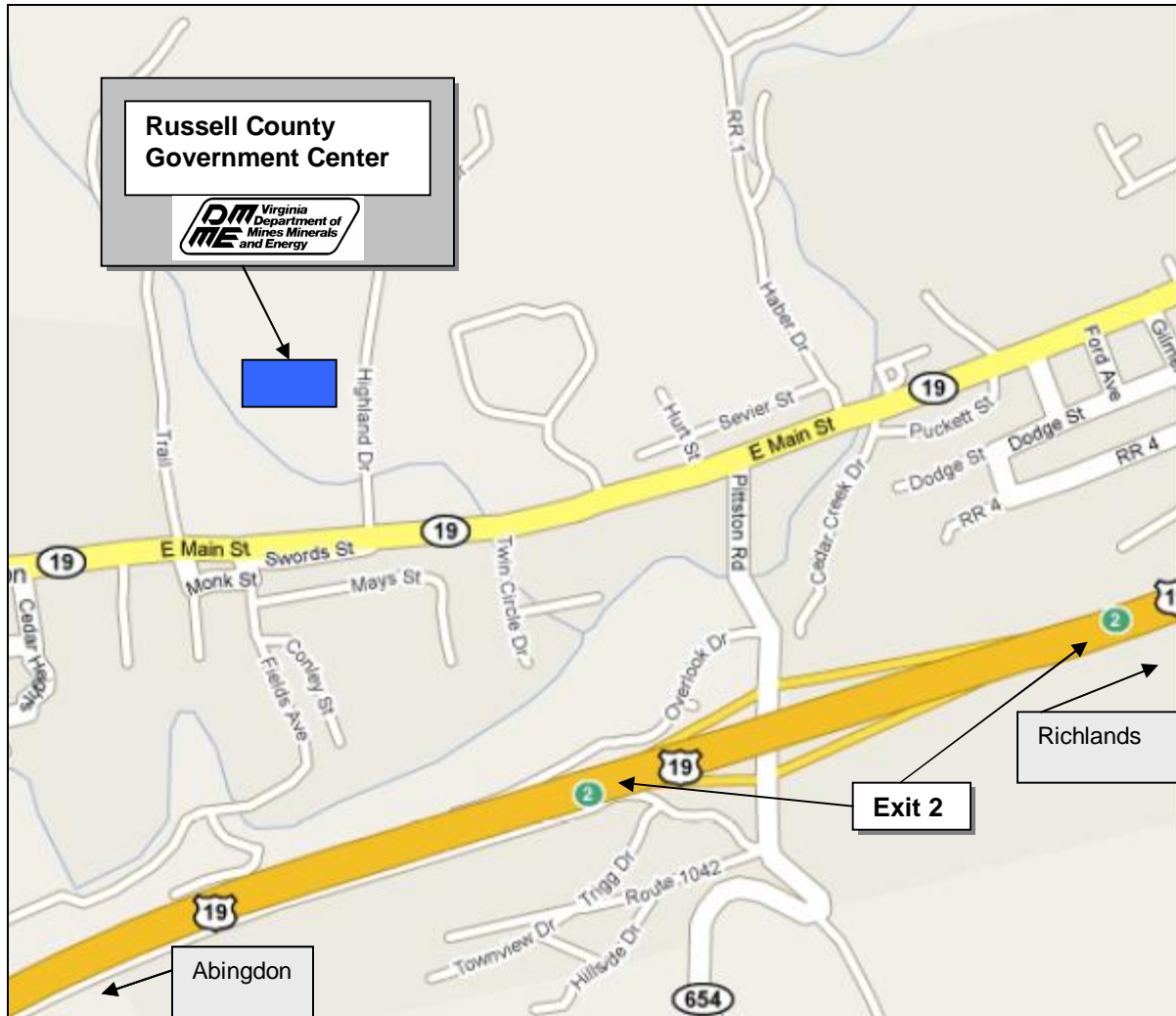
DMME Gas & Oil Office Moving to Russell County Office Center
- Division of Gas and Oil services available at Lebanon Office April 16, 2009 -

Big Stone Gap, VA – The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy's (DMME) Division of Gas and Oil will relocate from Abingdon to the agency's Lebanon office located in the Russell County Government Center effective April 16, 2009, the agency announced today. The Division of Gas and Oil provides services to the natural gas and oil extraction industries and to the general public affected by extraction activities.

DMME announced the consolidation and relocation of offices in Buchanan, Washington and Russell Counties to the Lebanon facility in December 2008. DMME services provided at the Lebanon location include its divisions of Mined Land Reclamation, Mines, and Gas and Oil. These services include staff functions for the Virginia Gas & Oil Board (VGOB), gas well and oil well permit application drop-offs, coal mine permit and license application drop-offs, miner certification training and examinations, and public access to VGOB Escrow Fund information, to purchase certification study guides or view information related to gas and oil wells and coal mine operations, including maps and other records.

- **Office Location:** The Russell County Government Center is located off Main Street in Lebanon. From U.S. Route 19 North, take Exit 2, turn left at the bottom of the ramp (or right if exiting from U.S. Route 19 South) onto Pittston Road and travel to Main Street, turn left onto Main Street and travel to Highlands Drive and turn right (at Wendy's Restaurant). Follow Highlands Drive and turn left into Russell County Government Center parking lot. A sign will be posted at the entrance of the DMME office.
- **Office Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 159, Lebanon, VA 24266
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